GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BENEFITS TO INDIAN EMIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The estimated number of Indian workers going abroad for employment every year; and

(b) The details of benefits, viz., increased insurance cover, emergency medical relief, refund in the event of repatriation, legal costs, maternity benefits, etc. provided to them at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) The number of persons granted emigration clearance for employment abroad during the last five years are as follows:

2005 5.49 lakhs
2004 4.75 lakhs
2003 4.66 lakhs
2002 3.68 lakhs
2001 2.79 lakhs

(b) A compulsory Insurance Scheme known as the Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana

(PBBY), 2006 is in operation which is applicable to the citizens of India who are required to obtain an emigration clearance for employment abroad. The PBBY provides for insurance cover of a minimum sum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs payable to the nominee/legal heir in the event of death or permanent disability of any Indian emigrant. It also provides for medical cover for the emigrant workers, reimbursement of legal expenses, maternity benefits and hospitalisation cover for the family of emigrant worker.